



**STATE OF ARKANSAS
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Arkansas Women's Commission**

**Special Guest Biographies
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Ms. Shawana Reed, Vice President for Finance, Southern Arkansas University

Shawana is a south Arkansas native, originally from Nashville AR. She attended SAU, where she obtained both her bachelor's and master's degrees in business. She loves learning and has eventual goals to take classes towards a Doctor of Business Administration degree and even a Spanish degree. She has an 18-year professional background in higher education and currently serves as the Vice President for Finance at Southern Arkansas University. She loves being outdoors & traveling with her family, and she has two dogs and two cats

Ms. Christy Ouei, Entrepreneur, Owner, Mulekick Restaurants

Christy Ouei, a life-long Arkansan, has a passion for helping her employees develop personally and professionally. Being raised in a household with two teachers, education was always important. Ms. Ouei graduated from Southern Arkansas University with a degree in Agriculture Business and has gone on to create five different companies, of which she is sole owner. With over 80 employees employed by those companies, she strives to pass her love of education, both traditional and unconventional, on to all her employees.

She was one of the 50 Most Intriguing Women in Arkansas in 2021, and although her flagship location of MuleKick in Magnolia has not been open for decades, it has won more awards than businesses that have. She will, either single-handedly or with help, change the perception of the hospitality industry in south Arkansas while making sure that the state she calls home knows that "south" Arkansas doesn't mean Hot Springs.

Ms. Allison Schultz, President and CEO, Southern Aluminum

Ms. Schultz has a proven executive management record of over 25 years of experience with Southern Aluminum, a leading manufacturer of meeting, banquet, and event furniture primarily for the hospitality industry. She has managed all facets of the company's operations including accounting and finance, sales and marketing, new business development, operations, and human resources. A devout believer in relationships, Ms. Schultz is dedicated to the people, products, and partnerships of the company.

Ms. Schultz currently leads Southern Aluminum as President and Chief Executive Officer. She continues the company's legacy and pledge of world class customer experience and service.

Prior to joining Southern Aluminum, Ms. Schultz worked in accounting and finance in the oil and gas industry. She also owned and operated several small businesses and served on the board of many non-profit organizations in her native Magnolia. She received her BS from Southern Arkansas University, is a certified public accountant and member of the Arkansas Society of Certified Public Accounts and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.